



S&H Form: (2/01) Attorney Docket No. 1344.1125

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Yuichi AKIYAMA et al.

Application No.: 10/662,394

Group Art Unit: 2661

Confirmation No.: 2179

Filed: September 16, 2003

Examiner: TBA

For: METHOD OF MONITORING OPTICAL SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM USING THE SAME

STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the status of the above-identified patent application, including an indication as to when the next communication can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

John C. Garvey (Registration No. 28,667

1201 New York Ave, N.W., Suite 700

Washington, D.C. 20005 Telephone: (202) 434-1500 Facsimile: (202) 434-1501